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AGASS SEEK RETREAT OF U.S. FORCES

Garranza Officials, in New Note to Washington, Ask Why Troops Are Still Kept in Mexican Territory—Withdrawal is Sought.

De Facto Government Able to Cope With Outlawry, Says Document—U.S. Army Should Patrol Texas Against Raiders, is Opinion.

Washington, May 31.—A new note from General Carranza asking for a definite explanation of the continued presence of American troops in Mexico, and renewing his previous request for their withdrawal, was presented to the state department today by Elizeo Arredondo, the Carranza ambassador.

Carranza's new note refers to the repeated declarations that the United States wants no war with Mexico and argues that the withdrawal of the troops would be the best proof of that attitude on the part of the American government. The continued presence of the punitive expedition, the note says, is having a contrary effect.

It goes on to say that Carranza troops are now able both in numbers and position to control outlawry in northern Mexico and that co-operation by the American troops in preventing incursions into the United States can best be carried on by having the forces on the American side of the border. It declares that had the American troops now in Mexico been engaged in patrol on the American side of the Glenn Springs and Boquilla raids could have been prevented.

State Department officials regard the note not as an ultimatum but as a continuance of the negotiations with the Carranza government. After delivering the note to Acting Secretary Polk, Elizeo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassador here, admitted that it was brought to Washington Monday by Manuel Mendez, an attaché of the Carranza foreign office. The ambassador says he denied the existence of the note at that time because he was in the city of Washington the time the note was en route to Washington. He received instructions last night that there had been no change and presented the note this morning.

It was signed by Foreign Minister Aguilar, covers about 23 typewritten pages and is in Spanish. Arrangements will be made later for its publication.

REGULAR SCHOOL ROUTINE BEGINS FOR NEW POLICE

Prosecutor DeLaney to Address Them Tonight on Procedure of City Court.

A school of instruction for the newly appointed members of the police department will be started tomorrow in order that the recent additions to the department may be schooled in the various phases of police work before they are sent out upon the streets. President John C. Stanley of the police board, stated today that the commissioners had decided to have the men properly drilled before they take up their duties. The instructor tomorrow will be Captain Charles H. Buckley.

The first lesson will be given this evening when Prosecuting Attorney Alexander L. DeLaney will address the men who have been summoned to congregate in the city court room. Actual instruction will be started tomorrow morning when Captain Buckley will take charge of the class. The newly appointed officers will work from all phases and during the time school is in session some of the other officers will probably be called upon to give a little instruction to the men.

While the sessions are being conducted the men will be sent out upon the streets with officers and will be taught how to gather evidence and do other such work that a policeman is called upon to do.

This evening the board will hold a meeting and the new men will be assigned to the posts that they will cover when their schooling is completed. The newly appointed officers will also be assigned to their stations.

It is believed that the resignation of James E. Heneghan, one of the recently appointed men, will be received at this evening's meeting, as reports state that he only accepted the appointment to show the political strength of his friends. A man will be selected in his place if he resigns and another appointment will also be made as there was one position left over from the recent batch of appointments.

THE WEATHER

Clear and cooler tonight, Thursday fair, moderate north and northeast winds.

JITNEY DRIVERS READY TO FIGHT NEW ORDINANCE

Mayor Wilson Announces That He Will Put Signature on Measure.

GOES INTO EFFECT
BY MIDDLE OF JUNE

Counsel For Association of
Jitney Owners Prepares
Legal Campaign.

The mayor announced today that he would sign the proposed ordinance which aims to keep jitneys off of Main street on week days between the hours of 12 and 2 and 5 and 7.

Attorneys for the Jitney Owners Protective Association announced that they will contest the ordinance to the last ditch in the courts.

It has been stated that the passage of the ordinance is unconstitutional upon investigation made by attorney Michael Quinn, of New Haven, retained to defend Jitney interests.

Attorney Abe Geduldig, representing the Association in Bridgeport, said today that steps have already been taken to defend any jitneys that may be held under the new ordinance, which will go into effect June 15.

It is also declared by representatives of the Jitney owners in this city that the Connecticut Company is responsible for traffic congestion in this city in allowing the large cars to corner in the heart of the city and in forcing all lines to transfer points on Main street.

Attorney Abe Geduldig, representing the Jitney owners said: "It is a fallacy to assert that jitneys are causing the blockade on Main street. This street is wide enough to handle all the automobiles in Connecticut if properly directed. Investigation by our association tends to show that the prime responsibility is to be placed upon the Connecticut company for the size of cars they run and the fact that the company insists upon making Main street and Fairfield a transfer point for all cars.

"There is no reason why the volume of cars could not be made at outlying points. An instance of this may be seen at Park avenue and State street. All Park avenue cars and all Brookland cars are sent through the heart of the city. If the Park avenue line was sent through to Stamford and Brookland, Park avenue could then be a transfer point which would materially relieve congestion in the heart of the city. This is but one instance of what should be done to regulate traffic."

Another representative attorney who has recently made an investigation of the Jitney situation but whose close connection with the trolley interests obviously prevents publication of his name, stated today:

"It is unlikely that the jitneys will be kept off of Main street. Merchants and business men are losing an enormous loss of business that will result to them after past efforts to gain it. The Jitney is a public necessity in view of the inadequate transportation facilities. The factory worker has found that by using the Jitney he can go to his home for a hot dinner, he can live further from the location of his work and he can be transported nearer to destinations than by trolley. The coal estate operator and the Jitney service. The merchant on Main street wants the people brought past his door and it is not likely that they will permit Broad street and other streets to be built up by the deflection of Jitney traffic that way. It is estimated that the Jitneys are carrying 10,000 persons daily in Bridgeport. It is true that there are accidents and that regulation must be enforced but statistics show that Jitneys travel between 200 and 250 miles daily. The accidents are not large in proportion to the mileage and, as far as regulation is concerned, none tries to bar all privately owned automobiles from the streets because an individual has an accident."

Observing Jitney Day in the city court this morning the police rounded up a number of offenders who violated the ordinances and in all cases, the offenders were fined. Included in those hauled before Judge Bartlett were a number of drivers of private cars who had also infringed upon the law.

Joseph Selmanowitz, 23 years old, of 54 Center street, presented the most interesting case when in explaining his case to the judge he accused the motorcycle policeman of "picking on him" while drivers guilty of more serious violations are not taken into custody.

He was arrested Friday afternoon shortly before 3 o'clock by Motorcycle Policeman John Gerrity in front of the U. M. C. Co. plant. The policeman testified that he had followed Selmanowitz from the east end of Congress street, through Noble avenue and that he had driven the car at the rate of 35 miles an hour. At East Main street and Barnum avenue he passed six other machines that had been held up there while traffic was closed.

In speaking for himself, Selmanowitz declared that his passengers had to be at work at the Cartridge shop at 8 o'clock and it was for this reason that he was driving at a speed which he estimated at 18 miles. He had been before the court on three previous occasions for violating the law. He was fined \$15 costs.

Abraham Gold, of 84 Maple street, and Chris Elias of 1433 Main street and Jack Lieberman of 282 Fairfield avenue, were each fined \$5 for allowing passengers to ride on the doors of their cars.

Steve Zigro of 705 Wordin avenue.

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TROLLEYMEN MAY TIE UP SHORE LINE

Strike of 700 Employees, Involving All Lines Between New Haven and West Thompson, is Scheduled to Become Effective at 12 O'clock Tonight.

Employees Reject Compromise Offer of Company, and Hold Out For Original Demands of New Wage Scale—Refusal By Company Causes Strike Orders

New London, May 31.—As the result of a refusal of demands for increased pay, about 700 employees of the Shore Line Electric Railway company are expected to go on strike at midnight. The strike will involve all of the lines between New Haven and West Thompson.

The demands of the men, to take effect June 1, were for 26 cents an hour for the first six months, 28 cents an hour for the second six months, 32 cents an hour for the second year and 36 cents an hour for the third year and thereafter. In addition to the wage increase the men ask for a nine hour day, time and a half for overtime, transportation for themselves and families over all lines of the company, 50 cents in advance when detained by work from lunch, 25 cents a day increase for all shop and power house employees and recognition of the union.

About 10 days ago the company offered a compromise schedule which amounted to approximately a ten per cent. increase as follows: For the first year men 26 cents an hour, 27 an hour for the second year, 28 an hour for the third year, 29 cents an hour for the fourth year, 30 cents an hour for the fifth year, and 32 cents an hour thereafter.

HOFFMAN GETS COAL CONTRACT FOR 2,000 TONS

Will Supply All Departments of Municipality Except School Buildings.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO BUY FROM MINES

Goddard Maintains Dealers
Combine and Thinks City
May Save Money.

Michael Hoffman today was awarded the contract to supply all city coal other than that used in the public schools. The supply committee of the board of education will buy the coal for the school from the mines. The committee will buy about 2,000 tons. For other city departments about 2,000 will be bought by the board of contract and supply. The bid of Hoffman was \$7 per ton flat for nut coal and \$8 per ton for coal per ton for nut coal to be furnished in quarter ton lots subject to orders of the board of charities.

Both supply committees of the school board, Commissioners John A. Hurley, Louis F. Schweitzer and Robert D. Goddard, met today with William E. Seelye of the contract board and announced their decision. The committee was given power to act in the matter of the purchase of coal supply at a special meeting of the school board held Monday evening.

Both Commissioners Hurley and Seelye said they believe they could save the city several thousands of dollars by the purchase of coal direct from the mines. The school board committee is acting on the advice of Kendrick McNeil of the A. McNeil & Sons Co., Inc. The coal will be bought at gross tonnage weight of 2,240 pounds shipped here in barges and unloaded at the McNeil company yards. The committee will pay 20 cents per ton for having it unloaded, 38 cents per ton for trimming and 75 cents per ton for delivery. It is estimated the total cost of handling coal in this manner will not be more than \$6.47 per ton.

The first shipment of 2,000 tons will be unloaded and placed in the bins in the schools immediately. Later shipments, which will amount in all to about 4,000 tons, will be stored in the bins of the McNeil company and used as wanted. The storage charges will be 10 cents per ton.

Members of the school board committee announced today that they would make the contract for the coal as soon as possible. They have not yet decided who shall get the contract but the city attorney will draw contracts covering the delivery at the mines, the handling on boats, unloading, storage and delivery to the schools.

Commissioner Hurley said today that after investigating the coal situation he was of the opinion that there was no combination among local dealers to maintain a uniform price. Commissioner Goddard has not changed his view, however, and still believes the dealers have an understanding.

CLARKSON TO GET \$800 MORE THAN HIS FIRST AWARD

Judge Scott Upsets Mayor Wilson's Veto of Gilman Street Appraisal.

MAYOR'S ACTION TO
COST THE CITY \$800

His Finding of "No Justification" Not Upheld in Appeal to Higher Court.

Mayor Wilson's veto of the report of the board of appraisal and damages in the matter of widening Gilman street, has cost the city an even \$800.

Judge Scott, in the court of common pleas today announced a decision awarding \$1,800 damages to the estate of John Clarkson, owner of property in the Black Rock section, a strip of which was taken for the street widening. The board of appraisal report, which was vetoed by the mayor, had awarded \$1,000, an amount acceptable to the Clarkson heirs.

The Clarkson, who were represented by former Alderman John Clarkson, asked damages when a strip of land 20 feet wide and 300 feet deep was taken for the street widening. The common council, on Feb. 1, 1915, approved a report from the board of appraisal granting the Clarkson estate \$1,000.

On March 1, 1915, Mayor Wilson returned the report unapproved, holding that there was "no justification" for the award which he deemed "excessive." He recommended that the matter be referred again to the board of appraisal with the suggestion that the damages and benefits in all cases be made equal.

The board of appraisal subsequently submitted a report, equalizing benefits and damages, and this report was adopted by the common council and approved by the mayor.

Cullinan & Cullinan, took the matter into the courts. The case was argued last week, and Judge Scott today granted an award of \$1,800 to the Clarkson estate.

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At the request of Mr. Vanderbilt, Fowdrbes was taken into the Vanderbilt home where he talked incessantly about "revenge" himself upon Mr. Rockefeller.

The policeman who made the arrest said Fowdrbes admitted that he and a friend had plotted to kill "Mr. Rockefeller" and that his associate had promised to meet him in front of the supposed Rockefeller home. They expected that Mr. Rockefeller would come to the door when the stones

GERMAN ATTACK DRIVES FRENCH FROM CUMIERES

Heavy Fighting Before Verdun is Renewed With Increased Intensity.

Berlin, May 31.—German troops operating in the Verdun region, west of the Meuse, have been successful in clearing the southern environs of Cumieres Village of the French who were holding on there, the war office announced today. Nearly 100 prisoners were taken.

The capture on May 29 of a naval gun and 18 machine guns during the fighting in Cauerettes Woods was also announced.

French Admit Repulse
Paris, May 31.—In the course of a violent struggle last night on the Verdun front, the Germans compelled the French to evacuate a line trench near the Caurelles Wood, south of Cumieres, the war office announced today.

After two days of especially severe fighting the Germans launched infantry attacks repeatedly in great force over a considerable section of the Verdun line. The French resisted stubbornly, and the official statement says, repulsed the Germans everywhere except near Caurelles Wood. The trench which was evacuated had been levelled by the German shell-fire.

British Casualties Grow
London, May 31.—British casualties in May were much heavier than in the two preceding months. The total from all fields of operation, as compiled from published lists, is 1,767 officers and 28,470 men. The total in March, including officers and men, was 20,424 and in April, 20,511.

Non-Partisan League
To Work For Wilson

Washington, May 31.—Plans for the Democratic convention at St. Louis and the ensuing campaign were discussed by President Wilson today with Representative Doremus, of Michigan, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, Norman Hapgood, an organizer of the non-partisan league, and Senator Taggart, of Indiana. The President is expected to devote his efforts entirely to re-electing Mr. Wilson.

Kern Will Nominate
Marshall At St. Louis

Washington, May 31.—It has been definitely decided that Senator Kern will make the speech renominating Vice President Marshall at the St. Louis convention.

Pope Benedict has subscribed \$1,000 to a fund to aid Italians made destitute by the Austrian invasion.

Patrolman Henry H. Schwartz, shot in a battle with gunmen in a cellar in New York city, died of his wounds.

TROLLEY CAR TELESCOPES TWO JITNEYS INTO POLE; TWO DANGEROUSLY HURT

MANY PARTS OF WORLD TO FURNISH WITNESSES AGAINST BANKER KNAPP

Victims from all over this country and from Japan and England are included in the list of those from whom Herbert M. Knapp, president of the defunct banking firm of Burr & Knapp, is alleged to have misappropriated money. The bench warrant on which Knapp was arrested Monday is a bulky document which gives the names of 105 persons who lost money by Knapp's operations. The second warrant confines itself to the alleged misappropriation of funds of the Hungarian Sick Benefit Societies Confederation of this city.

Solomon Slabosky, an official of this confederation, was named with Knapp in this warrant. Deputy Sheriff Cunningham was unable to locate Slabosky on Monday but has since found him and served the warrant. He was able to furnish \$1,000 bail. The trials of Slabosky and Knapp will not be held until the September term of the criminal superior court. The accused protest innocence of any wrong-doing and it is expected they will make a hard fight to avoid conviction.

The warrant makes the same charge on each of the numerous counts. It is alleged Knapp appropriated to his own use and secreted, with intent to defraud, certain money belonging to the individual named. In the majority of cases the count refers to money given to Knapp by persons in this city.

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VANDERBLT'S HOME IS STONED BY MAN SEEKING TO SLAY ROCKEFELLER

New York, May 31.—Carrying a leather bag filled with stones, Saerbes R. Fowdrbes, a wood carver of Yonkers, N. Y., stopped in front of the home of William K. Vanderbilt in Fifth avenue today and began to hurl stones through the windows. A policeman arrested him as he was throwing the fourth stone.

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were thrown at the window, whereupon the other man was to shoot him. The alleged accomplice failed to appear and Fowdrbes said he became impatient and decided to wreck the house.

Some of the furniture in the Vanderbilt home was damaged and a mirror was broken. Fowdrbes told a somewhat incoherent story.

"I was to meet my friend in front of Rockefeller's house this morning," he is quoted by the police as saying, "when he was to give me a revolver and I would wait until Mr. Rockefeller set out. I intended to rush at him and shoot him."

When told it was Mr. Vanderbilt's house he had attacked, Fowdrbes grinned and said:

"You police can't fool me. I know it's Rockefeller's house."

The man was examined by a police physician who announced that Fowdrbes was a "dangerous man" and that he would recommend his commitment for observation as to his sanity. A small stiletto was found in Fowdrbes' pocket.

Silver Cup For Winner of B. H. S. Prize Essay Test

The seniors of the Bridgeport High school commercial class held Characteristic Day and a picnic Monday afternoon at Silver Beach. Games were played and a luncheon was served on a raft, drawn upon the beach.

The annual prize essay contest of the senior commercial class will be held June 12. A silver cup donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Matthias who have charge of the commercial classes, is the award.

The contest is patterned after the Barnum prize contest, for which the commercial students are not eligible. Students wrote essays and a committee of three judged them, selecting the three best in literary merit. Another committee will pass on the delivery June 12, and by averaging the marks the winner will be found.

Miss Veronica Smith, Miss Frances Johnson and Norman Brooks have been selected to deliver their essays. Miss Smith's topic is "Conservation"; Miss Johnson's "Human Efficiency," and Mr. Brooks' "Industrial Evolution."

The class history will be read by Kenneth Griffin; the class poem, Dorothy M. Finklestone; prophecy, Joseph Kiely; will, Charlotte Waters; prophecy on the prophet, Luella Coley; the class hymn will be by Dorothy Blackman.

Phelan Investigates Murder in Danbury

Danbury, May 31.—Coroner John J. Phelan, of Bridgeport, came here today to conduct an inquiry into the murder of Mahamed Jamal, the Syrian whose body was found a week ago yesterday on the railroad tracks near Storm's Bridge about eight miles from here, where it had been thrown after the man had been strangled to death. Coroner Phelan would make no announcement as to what line the inquiry would take except to say that it would be a secret session. Nearly 20 members of the Syrian colony were summoned to appear before the coroner at the inquiry.

Remington Co. Pays \$121,130 In Taxes

The largest check yet received by the tax collector came today when the Remington Arms-U. M. C. Co. sent in \$121,130.90 for 1915 taxes of the company. Two other large checks received were Crane Co., \$67,452.18, and Bridgeport Gas Light Co., \$48,725.07.

Driver of One Car, Passenger In Another, Dangerously Hurt in Peculiar Three-Cornered Mishap in Barnum Avenue.

Passenger's Skull Fractured As He is Flung Headforemost To Pavement—Charities Investigator Rushes Victims to Hospital.

Crashing into the rear of a jitney bus on Barnum avenue near the corner of Brooks street shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, a New Haven bound trolley car smashed the jitney into another that was stalled further ahead and this jitney was forced into a telegraph pole, severely damaging both cars and throwing William Kimmick, of East Norwalk, a passenger, to the pavement fracturing his skull and pinning the driver of the first, Frank Leoni of 389 Grand street, between the steering gear and the seat. He is suffering with concussion of the brain. Both are at the Bridgeport hospital.

Leoni was driving his jitney east on Barnum avenue and as he neared the corner of Brooks street stopped to take on a passenger. The second jitney, driven by Louis Raback of 222 Congress street was directly in the rear of Leoni's car and when the latter signalled that he was going to stop, Raback also stopped his machine.

The trolley car, in charge of a crew from New Haven, was going at a rapid speed and before the brakes could be applied had crashed into the rear of Raback's car which was forced into Leoni's machine and the force of the crash headed on into the telegraph pole. Kimmick, a lineaman in the employ of the Southern New England Telephone company, was on his way to work in the East End, and was seated beside Leoni.

When the car struck the pole, Kimmick was pitched headforemost to the pavement. Leoni was caught between the steering wheel and his seat and the impact threw him forward so suddenly that he struck his head on the wheel. Investigator Alexander P. Morrissey of the Charities department was driving along in his car at the time of the accident. Placing the injured men in his machine, he drove immediately to the Bridgeport hospital. At press hour they were reported as being in serious conditions.

The passenger who was just about to board the jitney miraculously escaped being injured by the fact that she had not left the sidewalk for as she saw that the crash would be inevitable, she stepped backwards. Raback was thrown from his machine but aside from a severe shaking up and several bruises was not seriously hurt.

Leoni has no relatives in this city as far as known was caught between his home with his parents in East Norwalk but boards at 41 John Street in this city. His people have been notified of the accident and left for this city as soon as they heard of it.

Both cars were severely damaged. Leoni's was wrecked almost beyond repair, the radiator being smashed, the front wheels broken and the rear of both machines smashed in. Both trolleys are from New Haven. The trolley car leaves New Haven at six o'clock, being the first one to this city. On the return it leaves Main street and Fairfield avenue at 8 o'clock.

Walking Into Cafe
And Drops Dead

Walking into Conley Brothers saloon at Main and Frank streets at 8:30 o'clock this morning, Philip Carlin, aged 53 years, the address unknown, dropped to the floor and when Dr. E. B. Weldon responded to a call for the ambulance he found Carlin was dead.

Upon permission of Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick the body was removed to Cullinan & Mullins' morgue where it is awaiting a claimant. The medical examiner in his examination has found that Carlin has been ill for some time and has been afflicted with tuberculosis. It is believed that death was due to tubercular causes.

Senate Will Vote on Brandeis Tomorrow

Washington, May 31.—Majority and minority members of the Senate judiciary committee today completed their reports for and against confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for the supreme court. They will be submitted to the Senate in executive session tomorrow when it will vote on the report of the majority recommending confirmation.

The reports then will be made public.

HERMAN CASE CONTINUED

The case of Michael Herman of 672 Wordin avenue who is charged with murdering George Groves in a Howland avenue saloon a few weeks ago, was continued until Saturday in the city court this morning.